



1st LAAD Battalion

Commanding Officer's Sexual Assault Prevention Policy



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Sexual Assault is criminal and at odds with basic respect for human dignity; and beyond that, sexual assault is counter to the values and ethos of what it means to be a Marine or Sailor.

MCO 1752.5C, the Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Program, is clear in defining sexual assault as a “criminal act that erodes unit cohesion and contradicts Marine Corps values.” Worse still, sexual assault has devastating effects that last a lifetime for the victim, their families, and loved ones.

I cannot fathom that Marines or Sailors, who have answered the highest calling to service and have joined the greatest and mightiest team, would engage in behavior that so dreadfully affects another Marine or individual. I will not tolerate it, and we will be proactive in rooting out attitudes that lead to it.

Be excellent to each other. Treat others with dignity and respect. It is just that simple.

Caring about one another means taking an active role in preventing sexual assault. It means taking a stand for the values we espouse and giving them true meaning in our day-to-day conduct.

If you are the victim of sexual assault and wish to make a restricted or unrestricted report, you should immediately contact the appropriate confidential or non-confidential resource (SAPRVA, medical, chaplain, chain of command and/or law enforcement).

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